

Senate Bill 389

By: Senators Butterworth of the 50th, Rogers of the 21st, Hamrick of the 30th, Hill of the 32nd, Williams of the 19th and others

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state auditor, so as to revise and change certain provisions regarding the operation, maintenance, and reporting requirements applicable to a public information website of the Department of Audits and Accounts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state auditor, is amended by revising Code Section 50-6-32, relating to the operation, maintenance, and reporting requirement applicable to a public information website of the Department of Audits and Accounts as follows:

"50-6-32.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Transparency in Government Act.'

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Agency' means:

(A) Each ~~each~~ department, commission, authority, and agency of ~~the executive branch~~ of state government; and

(B) The ~~the~~ Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia;

(C) Any regional educational service agency;

(D) The General Assembly, including all legislative offices and agencies; and

(E) Local boards of education.

(2) 'Department' means the Department of Audits and Accounts.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Searchable website' means a single website that allows the public to review and analyze information identified in subsection (c) of this Code section.

(c)(1) ~~The No later than January 1, 2009, the~~ department shall develop and operate a single searchable website accessible by the public, at no cost, that provides the following information pertaining to state fiscal year 2008 and each state fiscal year thereafter:

~~(1)(A)~~ (A) The State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that includes an indexed statement of operations and a statement of financial condition of the state in accordance with governmental generally acceptable accounting principles;

~~(2)(B)~~ (B) The annual Budgetary Compliance Report for the state that provides, by agency, an indexed report comparing budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures by budgetary units for each organization included in the General Appropriations Act, as amended. Such report shall include, at a minimum, a statement of the taxes and other revenues remitted to the state treasury and operating revenues retained by the agency during the immediately preceding fiscal year as well as a statement of total expenditures made by the agency during the immediately preceding fiscal year;

~~(3)(C)~~ (C) The annual State of Georgia Single Audit Report that provides, by federal grant, an indexed listing of all expenditures of federal funds and also discloses by state organization any audit findings and corrective actions to be taken;

~~(4)(D)~~ (D) Salaries and expenses of full-time and part-time employees and board members;

~~(5)(E)~~ (E) A list of consultant expenses and other professional services expenses;

~~(6)(F)~~ (F) State Budget in Brief, indexed by reporting agency; ~~and~~

~~(7)(G)~~ (G) All performance audits conducted by the department for the preceding five years; and

(H) An indexed listing of all agencies and end users receiving any federal pass-through moneys and an itemized enumeration of the expenditure of such moneys.

(2) As soon as is practical after the close of each fiscal year, the department shall update the single searchable website for such fiscal year to include the information set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(d)(1) ~~The No later than January 1, 2010, the~~ department shall develop and add to the searchable website a report of certain grant and contract payments made or due to vendors by agencies reporting through the state's general financial accounting and information system and all payments made through economic and incentive programs operated by the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Labor, the Department of Community Affairs, the Department of Agriculture, and the Georgia Lottery Corporation pertaining to state fiscal year 2009 and each state fiscal year thereafter. Such report shall include, at a minimum:

~~(1)(A)~~ (A) A list of all obligations entered into by the agency during the immediately preceding fiscal year which call for the agency to expend at any time in the aggregate more than \$50,000.00; and

(2)(B) A list of the names of each person, firm, or corporation that has received from the agency during the immediately preceding fiscal year payments in excess of \$20,000.00 in the aggregate, including the amount paid to such person, firm, or corporation during such period.

(2) As soon as is practical after the close of each fiscal year, the department shall update the ~~single~~ searchable website for such fiscal year to include the information set forth in this subsection.

(3) Offices of the judicial branch shall provide the information required by agencies under this subsection.

(e) All agencies ~~of state government~~ shall provide to the Department of Audits and Accounts such information as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Code section.

(f) Nothing in this Code section shall require the disclosure of information which is considered confidential by state or federal law."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.